

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 11-13 have been cancelled, claims 1-10 and 14-17 have been amended, and claims 18 and 19 have been added. Thus, claims 1-10 and 14-19 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

These amendments are also effective to reduce the number of words contained in the abstract to fewer than 150 words, in accordance with U.S. practice.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In item 3 on page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 1-10 and 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 14-17 have been carefully reviewed and revised so as to address each of the problems enumerated by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (item 1 on pages 2-5 of the Office Action), and to otherwise clearly comport with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Also, in item 3 on page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, rejected claim 11, as well as claims 12 and 13, have been canceled. New claim 18 constitutes allowable claim 12 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 11 with the exception of the functional recitation regarding peripheral speed difference. The language of claims 18 and 19 has also been thoroughly reviewed and revised to avoid the problems enumerated by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §

112, second paragraph, and to otherwise clearly comport with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

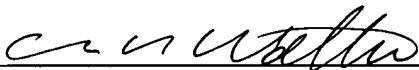
As such, it is submitted that claims 18 and 19 are clearly allowable over the prior art of record in view of the indication of allowability of claim 12.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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